

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect (MACCAN)

Minutes from Meeting-January 28, 2014

MEMBERSHIP

- Four more members were sworn into official MACCAN membership by Director Gorman of the Office of Boards and Commissions (Charnette Robinson, Cynthia Nordone, Garine Dalce and Philip Lucas)
- Quorum officially met as there was 50% plus one in attendance of appointed members
- Membership remains critical and is being prioritized by the Mayor's office to ensure all Boards and Commissions have formal membership
- Work will continue on defining the specific roles of each member
- Need to secure a Chair, as current Chair/Co-Chair are both employed by the government

SCOPE OF DISCUSSION

- The main discussion centered around the request from the Child and Family Services Agency for MACCAN to review their Annual Public Report, as part of what the legislation requires. MACCAN was asked to review and have any comments related to the report to Co-Chair Dr. Boyce by COB Thursday January 30, 2014. In the future, two weeks will be allotted for any document that MACCAN is required to review for comment.
- Members shared concerns over the older youth population within the care of CFSA as it relates to them becoming truly independent. Ideas to address the concerns of their education, housing, mental health services were discussed and will continue as a part of future agenda items.
- CFSA shared the positive progress of the reduction of the foster care population and further overview of progress; agreed to the plan of MACCAN responses by COB January 30, 2014.
- Boards and committees in the City should be further aligned in order to reduce duplication of work; MACCAN will continue to discuss at the next meeting their specific focus.
- April is Family Strengthening/Child Abuse Prevention; discussion included how MACCAN can be the entity to ensure that a comprehensive calendar of all of the activities during the month in conjunction with the DC Children's Trust Fund.

ACTION ITEMS

- Recruitment will continue to ensure active membership and/or change in membership as needed.
- Response to the APR for CFSA will occur by COB Thursday January 30, 2014.
- Next meeting topics will include further information on the implementation of Trauma Systems Therapy within CFSA as it relates to the transition to a Trauma Informed Care system and data on youth overall from the Office of Youth Empowerment.
- Consistent participation in MACCAN is strongly encouraged and strategies will remain in development to ensure members come to the meetings consistently.
- Calendar will be developed to ensure proper communication to appropriate entities are made aware of all activities for April's Family Strengthening/Child Abuse Prevention Month.